

**REMARKS**

By this Amendment, Applicants propose amending claim 26 to remove a feature already recited in claim 22, from which claim 26 depends. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request that this amendment be entered and the application passed to issue.

As required by M.P.E.P. 714.16, Applicants submit: (A) that the proposed amendment is needed to remove a feature that was introduced in the independent claim via the Examiner's Amendment; (B) that the proposed amendment to claim 26 does not require any additional search or examination because the features of this claim remain the same; (C) the claim remains patentable for the same reasons as before since the features of the claim remain the same; and (D) the proposed amendment was not presented earlier because the feature removed from claim 26 was introduced into claim 22 by the Examiner's Amendment.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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